Agricultural Opportunities & Challenges

- Protect Farmland
- Local food resiliency and economy
- Model conservation-based and regenerative farming practices
- Voluntary Stewardship Program
- Maintain Ag water rights
- Farmer access to farmland
- Reduce Land Bank maintenance area
- Contiguous farmland
- Education
- Open space views managed by farmers
- Utilize farm structures
- Lease income for maintenance

- Preparing property for ag use
- Maintaining farm infrastructure
- Monitoring and enforcing management practices
- Complicates interface with recreation and habitat
- Finding compatible farmers
- May reduce wildlife habitat area
- May reduces rec area
Agriculture Resource Questions:

- How important to you is continued agricultural use at this Preserve now or as an option for the future?
- What type of farming activities, if any, do you see as compatible the recreation and habitat goals?
- The WA RCO Water Access grant (pending $3-500K) comes with land use restrictions that would not allow most agricultural activities in perpetuity. Do you favor that the Land Bank move forward with this grant agreement or choose to conserve the agricultural resources and opportunities on the Preserve?
Recreational Resources
Parks:
Recreational sites developed around public access needs, often with higher levels of development and infrastructure.

Example: Limekiln State Park
- Large paved parking area
- Visitor Center
- Whale watch viewing area
- Large Restroom Facilities
- Residences, Shop, and Facilities
- Interpretive facilities
- Accessible Trails
- Picnic Tables
- Improved gravel trails
- 350k annual visitations

Preserve:
Limited recreational development and infrastructure with a focus on providing public access into a natural area.

Example: Limekiln Preserve
- Adjacent to Limekiln State Park
- Rustic parking spaces
- Old road beds & narrow natural surface trails
- No restroom facilities
- Minimal interpretation
- Rustic bird viewing blind
- <20k annual visitations (estimated)
“The primary public recreational opportunity provided by this project is freshwater lake access for swimming, non-motorized boating, wildlife viewing, and hiking.”

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# Compatibility

These are uses which have been formally or informally suggested to the Land Bank for consideration at Zylstra. “Compatibility” in this case is within the current constraints, capacity, and mandate of the Land Bank.

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*Note: Uses presented here represent suggestions we have received from a variety of input. Ranking is relative and is not indicative of whether it would absolutely be or not implemented.*
Scenic Views
Winter Access
Summer Access

Sailing Basic
Teen & Adult
AGES 13+

Zylstra Lake Preserve
Water Access Issues

- Organic material is uncomfortable and low visibility:
  - Milfoil and other aquatic vegetation
  - Algae
- “Duck Itch” from parasites
- Fecal coliform bacteria
- Cyanobacteria
Recreational Resource Questions:

How important are views of Zylstra Lake from San Juan Valley Road?

What types of recreational activities are you interested in?

If swimming and boating are important, how does information about water quality affect your interest in those activities?

What scale of recreational use and development is appropriate for the site?

How should recreational use rank against protection of other conservation resources (environmental and agricultural)?

Should access be controlled or limited? If so, how do you suggest we approach this?

How important is interpretation of ecological and historical resources?
How to Submit Comments

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